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TAGS: OVIP, LI (TOLBERT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM R.)

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT

REF: A) MONROVIA 6643 B) MONROVIA 6357

1. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN
REFTEL A.

A) FOLLOWING CHANGES NOT REFLECTED IN SCHEDULE IN REFTEL B
SEPTEMBER 21:

ADD AT 4:00 P.M. MAYOR WASHINGTON PRESENTS KEY TO THE CITY
AT DISTRICT BUILDING.

SEPTEMBER 22:

ADD (IF LIBERIANS AGREE) AT 10:00 A.M. BRIEFING AT STATE
DEPARTMENT FOR PRESIDENT ON AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL
ISSUES OF INTEREST.

ADD AT 4:00 P.M. TEA WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BAPTIST
WORLD ALLIANCE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WASHINGTON.

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DELETE THE PRESENTATION OF THE KEY TO THE CITY.

SEPTEMBER 23:

FOR MRS. TOLBERT ONLY ADD AT 10:15 A.M. A VISIT TO THE CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL REHABILITATION CENTER.

FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO THE JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS THE PRESIDENT MAY BE GIVEN A LUNCHEON BY SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. DO NOT RELEASE THIS YET TO THE LIBERIANS.

SEPTEMBER 24:

ADD AT 9:30 A.M. ARRIVAL AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY FOR CON-VOCATION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.

B. DEPARTMENT HAS NO WORD AS YET AS TO WHICH CONGRESSMEN HAVE BEEN INVITED BY AMBASSADOR DENNIS TO ATTEND THE BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 24.

C. NO RESPONSE RECEIVED TO DATE ON PARTICIPATION.

D. THIS IS WHAT WE UNDERSTAND, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME CONFUSION ON ARRIVAL TIMES. DO YOU HAVE ALTERNATE TIMES?

E. NO INSTRUCTIONS ON TOLBERT BRIEFING AT STATE DEPARTMENT SENT SEPTEL.

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